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IPD MEMORANDUM NO. 17-51

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SUBJECT: POLYGRAPH

1. Office #19 has requested that recruiters do not mention to prospective candidates the fact that the Agency uses the polygraph on new applicants, unless they have some reason to doubt the applicant's ability to pass the polygraph.

2. As an exception to the above prohibition, the use of polygraph machines by the Agency can be acknowledged to an individual making specific inquiry on this point. In such a circumstance the recruiter should indicate that he is not aware of the detailed policy concerning the use of polygraph machines in the Agency. Such an inquirer may be advised that if he objects to taking a polygraph examination including questions relative to his loyalty to the United States, it may be advisable not to proceed with his application.

3. No mention of the use of polygraph machines on applicants should be made before groups addressed by a recruiter.



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